

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated May 18, 2004. Claims 1 and 5 have been amended in response to this Office Action. Specifically, the recitations of claim 3 have been incorporated into newly amended claim 1. Claim 3 had been objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. This is accomplished by the amendment. Equally, the recitations of claim 6 have been incorporated into newly amended claim 5. Claims 3 and 6 have been cancelled, claims 9-11 have been withdrawn from consideration and claims 2, 4, 7 and 8 are allowable because they further depend from and limit their independent claims, which are allowable over the cited art references. The applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the subject matter of these claims. Claims 1-11 remain in the case.

While we believe that the instant amendment places the application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney in order to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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Respectfully submitted,
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